

# Special needs deserve special care

**The Exceptional Family Member Program was designed to assist families and support command readiness.**

The Exceptional Family Member Program addresses an important quality of life issue. Enrollment in the EFMP helps to ensure that service members are stationed where their families' special needs can be met. When a family member is identified as having an ongoing need for medical treatment, psychological services, or special education, the active duty sponsor is required to enroll in the program. Currently, over 4,000 Navy and Marine Corps families in the Hampton Roads area are enrolled in the EFMP.



## Eligibility



Eligible family members are military dependents, affected by physical, emotional, or educational conditions, who reside with the sponsor and are enrolled in DEERS.

## Enrollment

Applications are available at local branch medical clinics, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Command EFMP Point of Contact (POC), or any Fleet and Family Support Center. Or visit [www.efmconnections.org](http://www.efmconnections.org), click the EFMP, then Navy Handbook links, select "Forms," and download DD Form 2792, the EFMP Enrollment Form.

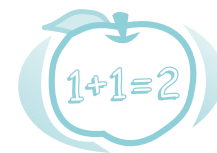
The completed application is reviewed by a screening committee, which makes a recommendation for enrollment. The process takes approximately four weeks. Enrollment must be updated once every three years or whenever there is a change in condition or family status. Disenrollment may be prompted by changes in marital status, dependent eligibility, medical status, or special education requirements.



## Categories

Once enrolled, your family member is assigned one of six categories based upon the frequency and duration of treatment and support that he or she requires. Orders are issued using the category assignment as a guideline. It is important to note that these categories apply to the family member and do not restrict the sea and shore duty requirements of the service member.

- Category 1** Needs do not generally limit assignments
- Category 2** Condition requires specific CONUS or overseas locations
- Category 3** Usually no assignment to overseas locations based on nonavailability of needed services
- Category 4** Assignment to billets near major military or civilian medical facility
- Category 5** Enables service member to homestead in a major medical area that offers both sea and shore assignments
- Category 6** Temporary: Condition requires a stable environment for six months to one year



*"EFMP is a ray of hope for me — a way to help my family and stay in the Navy."*

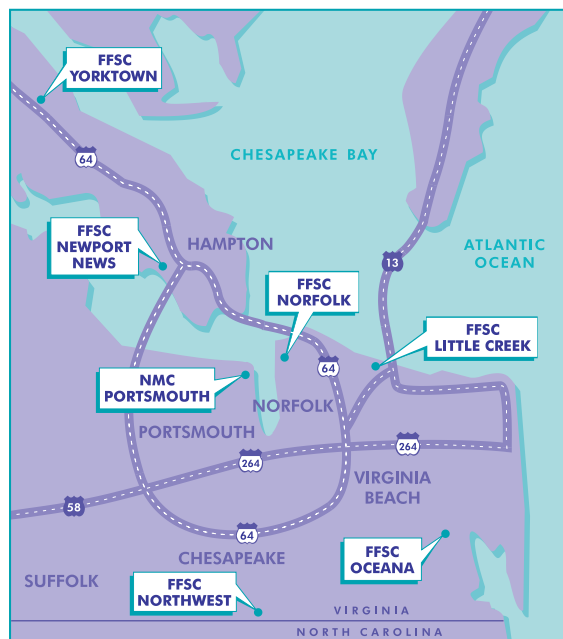
## Benefits

Families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program appreciate knowing that necessary services will be available at their next duty station.



Although there are no direct financial benefits from the EFMP, there are many resources available to assist families. Representatives of the EFMP have established contacts with state and local agencies, school districts, and community programs, which provide needed support and information. The challenges of living with a disabling condition have always been present, but the EFMP exists to address those issues in a responsible and compassionate way.

### FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER LOCATIONS



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*"My daughter  
was born with serious  
heart problems, and if  
it meant taking a  
hardship discharge from  
the Navy, I was going  
to take it."*

*The Exceptional Family  
Member Program  
made it possible for me  
to stay in the Navy  
and make a career of it."*

### Exceptional Family Member Program

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (757) 953-5833



FFSC Little Creek	(757) 462-7563
FFSC Newport News	(757) 688-NAVY
FFSC Norfolk	(757) 444-2102
FFSC Northwest	(757) 421-8770
FFSC Oceana	(757) 433-2912
FFSC Yorktown	(757) 887-4606
24 Hours:	444-NAVY or 1-800-FSC-LINE
FFSC Website:	<a href="http://www.ffscnorva.navy.mil">www.ffscnorva.navy.mil</a>



***A "win-win" solution  
for military families  
and commands***